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Applicant: **Montgomery**

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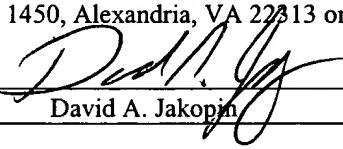
Title: **Method And Apparatus For Encoding Information Using  
Multiple Passes And Decoding In A Single Pass**

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE**

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**RESPONSE AFTER FINAL**  
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Sir/Madam:

This is a response to the Office Action mailed September 25, 2003.

Applicant requests a three-month extension of time from December 25, 2003 to the date hereof to submit this Response. The Commissioner may charge deposit account 50-2213 (Order No. 042503/0261928) for the requisite small entity three-month extension fee of \$475.00.

The currently pending claims are as follows: